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1. "THE ACTIVITY OF OUR ASSOCIATION MUST BE CHARACTERIZED BY THE CRITERION OF CONTINUITY," WERE WORDS OF NEW ASSOLOMBARDA PRESIDENT ALBERTO REDAELLI IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH ON MAY 18. RADAELLI WILL REPLACE GIUSEPPE PELLICANO WHO HAS SERVED FOR SIX YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF MILAN BASED LOMBARDY INDUSTRIALISTS' ASSOCIATION (ASSOLOMBARDA). REDAELLI IS 47 YEAR OLD ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WHO IS FIFTH GENERATION OWNER AND PRESIDENT OF GIUSEPPE E FRATELLI RADAELLI, A MEDIUM SIZED LOMBARDY IRON AND STEEL COMPANY. HE HAS SERVED THE PAST SIX YEARS UNDER PELLICANO AS ASSOLOMBARDA'S VICE-PRESIDENT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH REDAELLI HINTED HE WOULD BE MORE ACTIVIST THAN HIS PREDECESSOR, TALKING OF STRATEGY OF DIALOGUE AND INITIATIVE. BUT EMPHASIS WAS ON CONTINUITY. "WE HAVE NO REASON TO CHANGE STRATEGY WHICH HAS SURELY INCREASED THE CREDIBILITY OF INDUSTRY IN OUR SOCIETY." OF 153 MEMBERS PRESENT AT ASSOLOMBARDA
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CONVENTION, HE RECEIVED 148 VOTES.

3. REDAELLI IN NEXT FEW DAYS WILL PROPOSE A GROUP OF RELATIVE NEW-COMERS AS HIS ASSISTANTS: DR. ANTONIO COPPI AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DR. LUIGI TERRA AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, DR. LUIGI LANG AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNION AFFAIRS, AND DR. GAVINO MANCA

AS ADVISOR FOR CENTRAL STUDIES. COPPI AND GRANDI HAVE HAD PREVIOUS OFFICES IN THE ASSOCIATION UNDER PELLICANO'. THEY ALONG WITH MANCA ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF LARGE INDUSTRY PRESENTLY SERVING AS EXECUTIVES IN FALCK, MONTEDISON, AND PIRELLI RESPECTIVELY. LANG AND TERRA BOTH COME TO ASSOLOMBARDA FROM REGION'S PROFITABLE SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED FIRMS.

4. ASSOLOMBARDA IS INFLUENTIAL TRADE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING NEARLY 4,500 LOMBARDY FIRMS WHO EMPLOY 400,000 WORKERS. BORN IN 1898, IT IS TODAY ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT SPOKESMEN FOR ITALIAN INDUSTRY.FINA

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